

# 2015 P&R Community Survey

## Direction on 2015 Park Sales Tax



### **Park Sales Tax Timeline**

- May Finalize Park Sales Tax Citizens Committee
- May 12-13 CIP / Budget Work Session (Park Sales Tax projects)
- May 14 P&R Commission makes project recommendations



## **Park Sales Tax Timeline**

- June 1 Council Meeting – Introduce Ballot Language
- June 15 Council Meeting-Approve Ballot Language *(Must be done by July 20)*
- Aug 3 Council Public Hearing – Ballot Project List
- Aug 17 Council Approval of Resolution – Ballot Project List
- Nov 3 Election Day



## **Park Sales Tax Direction**

- After hearing presentation on survey results, staff is seeking direction specifically:
  - Renew PST for 5, 6, 7 or other years
- Staff will return to Council with a resolution and an ordinance for the June 1 and 15 meetings.

# *City of Columbia, MO*

## *2015 Parks and Recreation Community Survey*

Presented by  
*ETC Institute*

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## **Agenda**

- Purpose
- Methodology
- Usage and Satisfaction with Current System
- Vision of City Residents for Parks, Trail, Open Space ,  
and Recreation Facilities and Services
- Support for Upcoming Sales Tax Options
- Questions

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## Methodology

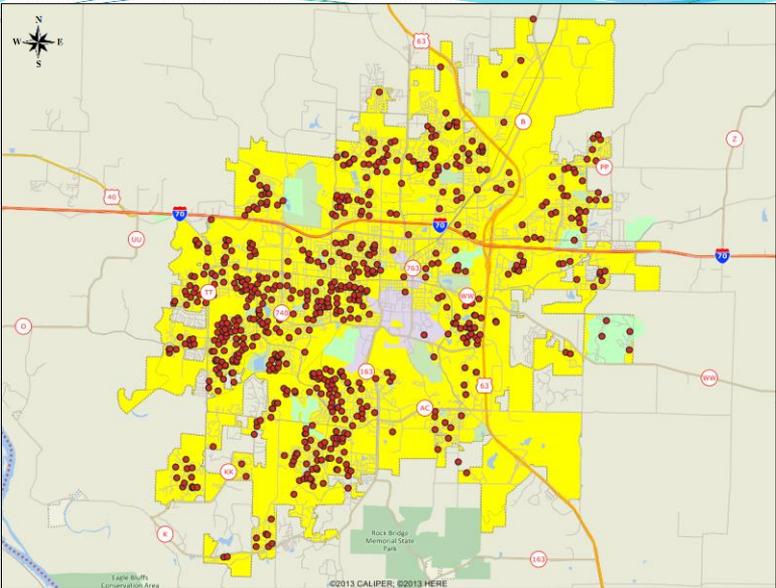
- Survey Description
  - The survey was 7 pages long
  - Each survey took 12-14 minutes to complete
  
- Method of Administration
  - could be completed by mail, web or phone
  
- Contract goal was to complete 600 surveys
  
- Actually completed 706 surveys
  
- Confidence level: 95%, Margin of error: +/- 3.6%

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## Results Broken Down By:

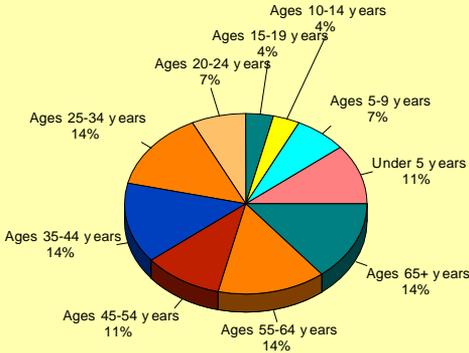
- Age of respondents
- Households with and without children
- Gender
- Support for renewal of existing 5 year sales tax
- Support for establishing a permanent sales tax to be dedicated to Columbia's City park system

### Location of Survey Respondents



### Q20. Demographics: Household Types

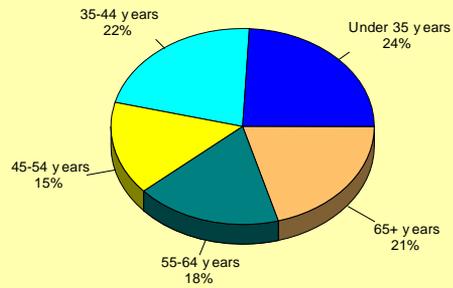
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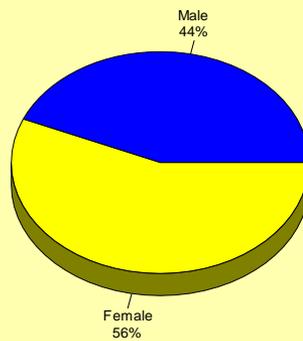
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### Q22. Demographics: Gender of Respondent

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## Examples of National Clients for Parks Surveys

- Malibu, California
- Highland Park Illinois
- Key Biscayne, Florida
- Palm Desert, California
- Winnetka, Illinois
- Los Angeles, California
- Austin, Texas
- Hilton Head, South Carolina
- Cleveland, Ohio
- San Diego, California
- Provo, Utah
- Washington, D.C.
- Raleigh, North Carolina
- Napa, California
- Orlando, Florida
- Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Henderson, Nevada
- Miami-Dade County, Florida
- Bloomington, Indiana
- Deerfield, Illinois
- Glendale, Arizona
- Park City, Utah
- Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- West Des Moines, Iowa
- Canton, Michigan
- Northbrook, Illinois
- Peoria, Arizona
- Scottsdale, Arizona
- St. Paul, Minnesota
- Mecklenburg County, N.C.
- Fairfax County, Virginia
- Pinellas County, Florida
- Provo, Utah
- Prince Georges County, Maryland
- Bend, Oregon
- Somerset County, New Jersey
- Flagstaff, Arizona

### Benchmarking Comparisons to National Clients

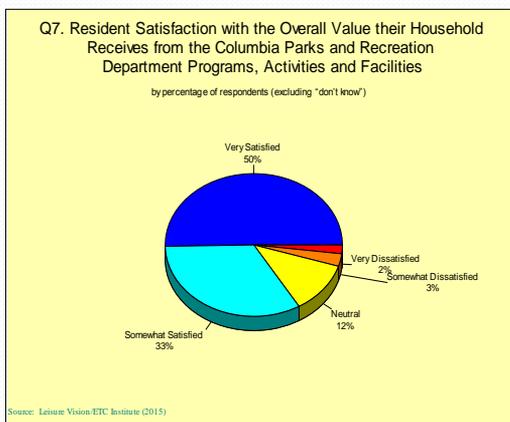
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## Usage and Satisfaction with Current Facilities, Programs, and Activities

## Bottom Line Up Front

- ❑ Very satisfied ratings with overall value received from parks and recreation facilities, programs and activities is very high
- ❑ Usage of parks, trails and recreation areas is high
- ❑ Trails are extremely well used
- ❑ Respondents feel a great number of projects developed with sales tax funding have been important

## Level of Satisfaction with Overall Value is Very High

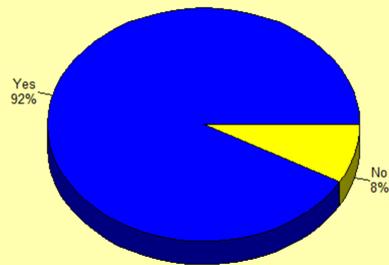


- National benchmark is 28% very satisfied
- Over 40% of households with and without children indicated very satisfied
- Over 50% of households with children under 10 and households with no children and all adults 55 and over indicated very satisfied

## Overall Usage is High

Q1. Whether or Not Residents Have Visited any of the City of Columbia's Parks or Facilities During the Past Year

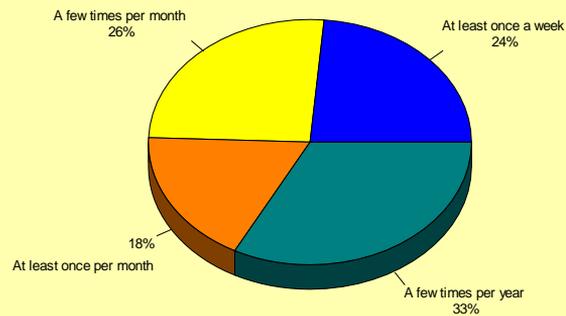
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Q1a. How Often Residents Visited the City of Columbia's Parks During the Past 12 Months

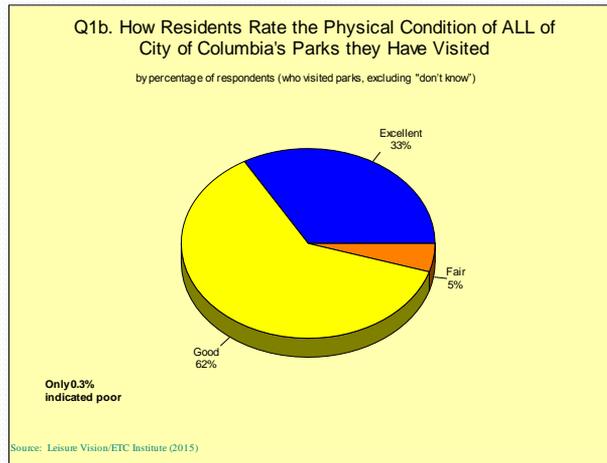
by percentage of respondents (who visited parks)



Only 0.3% indicated None

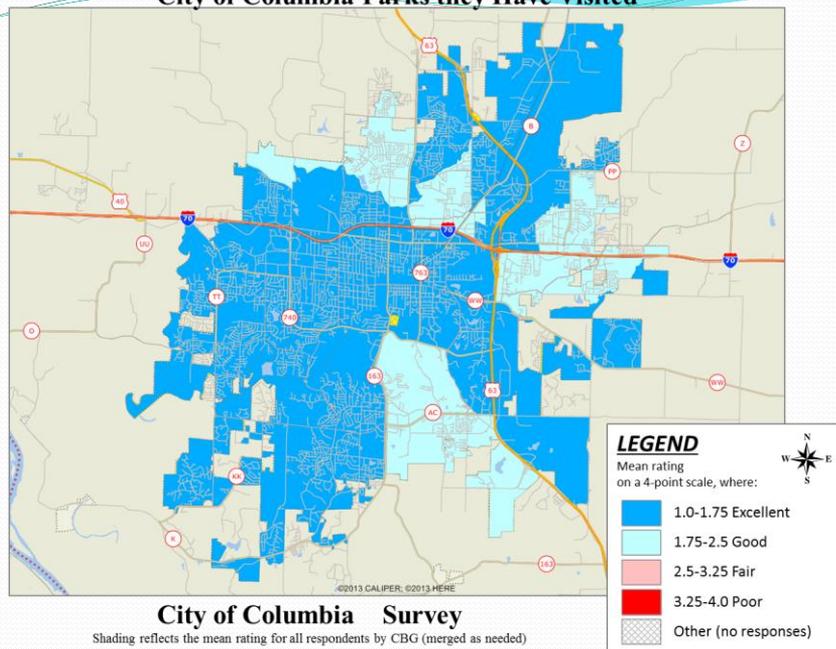
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# Overall Condition Ratings are Average



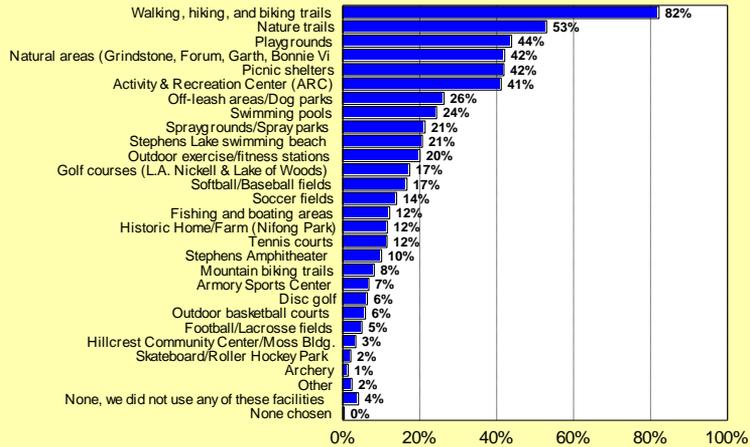
**National benchmark for excellent is 34%**

## Q1B: How Respondent's Rate the Overall Condition of the City of Columbia Parks they Have Visited



## Q2. Facilities Residents Have Used or Visited in the City of Columbia Parks Over the Past 12 Months

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections possible)

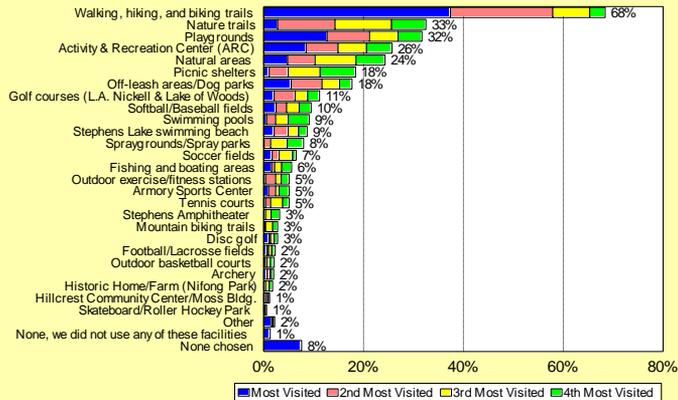


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## Top Three Facilities Used or Visited (Q#2) are Also the Ones Visited Most Often (Q#3)

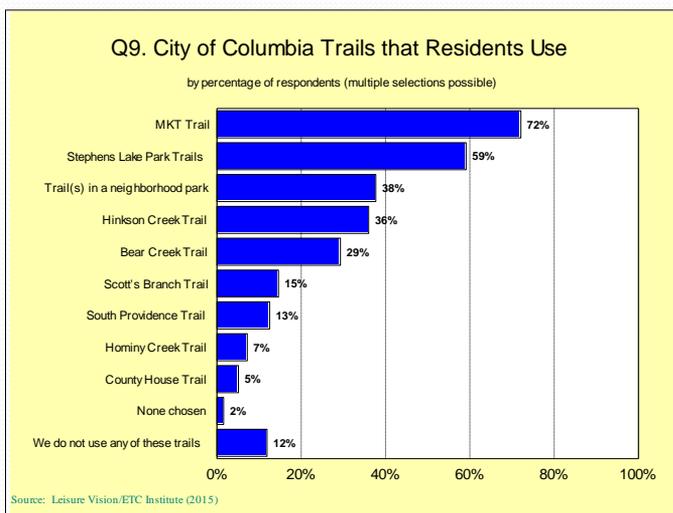
### Q3. Parks and Recreation Facilities that Residents Visit the Most Often

by percentage of respondents who selected the item as one of their top four choices

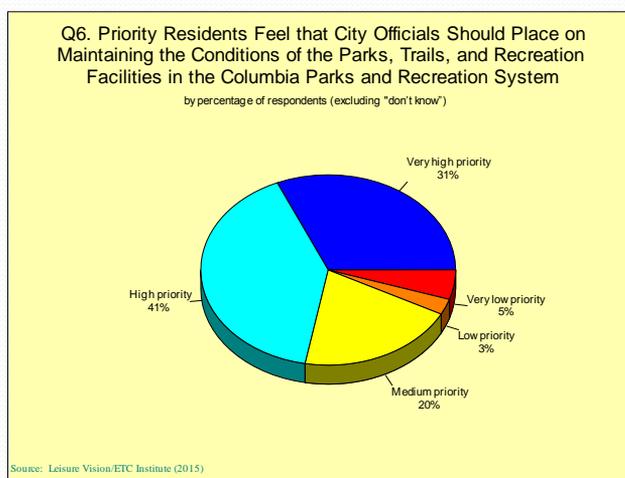


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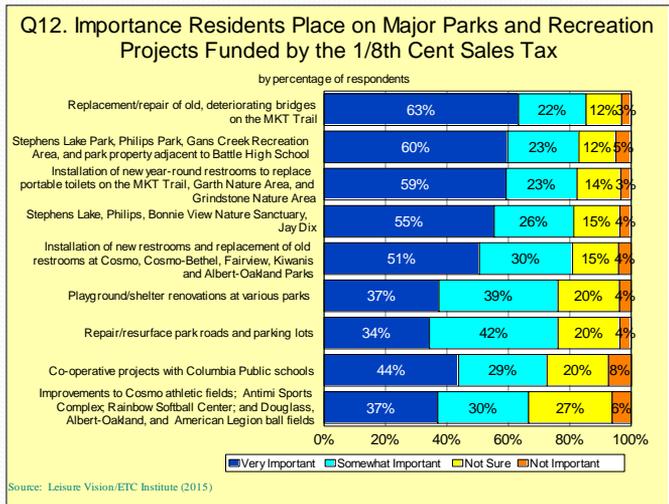
## Trail Usage is Very High



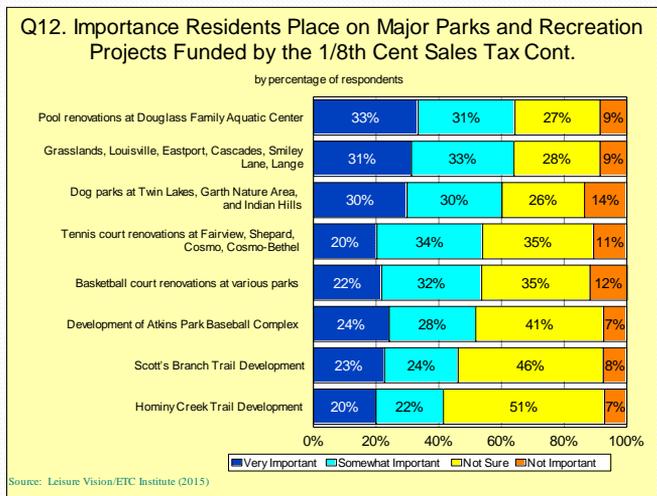
## 72% of Households Feel City Officials Should Place a Very High or High Priority on Maintaining the Conditions of Parks, Trails and Recreation Facilities



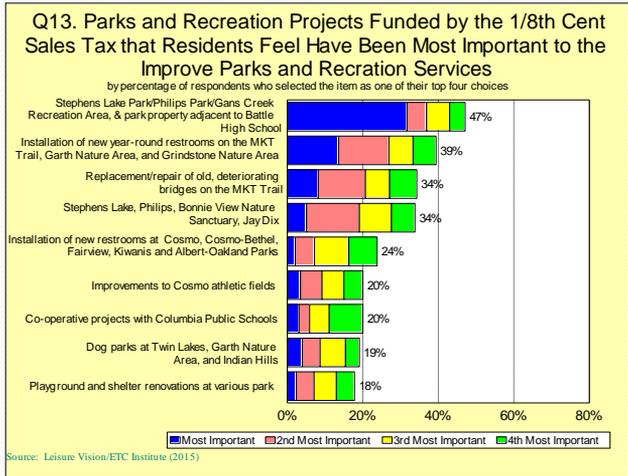
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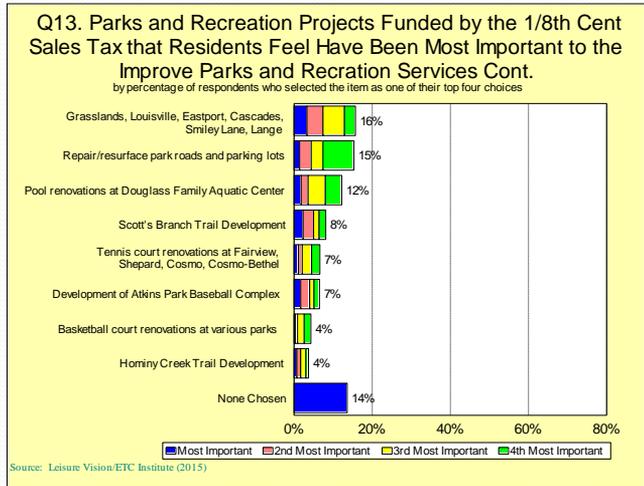


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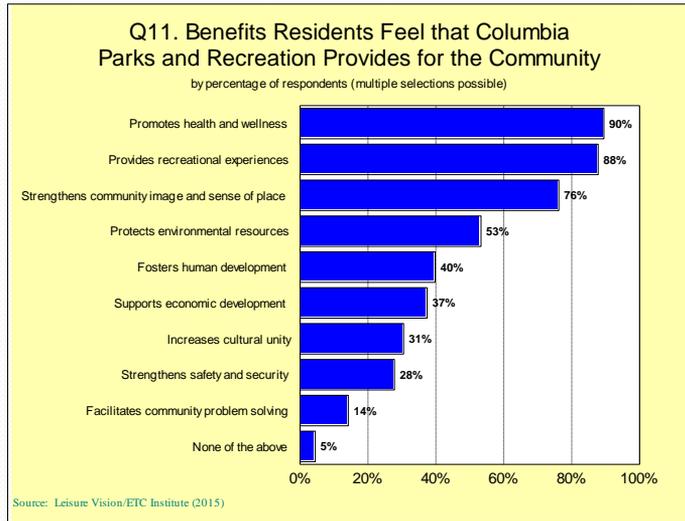
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**At Least 75% of Respondents Indicated Promotes Health and Wellness, Recreational Experiences and Strengthen Community Image and Sense of Place as Benefits**

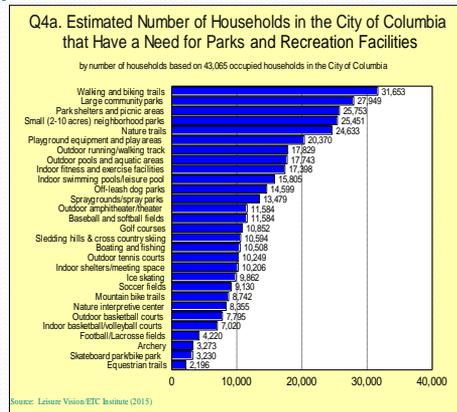
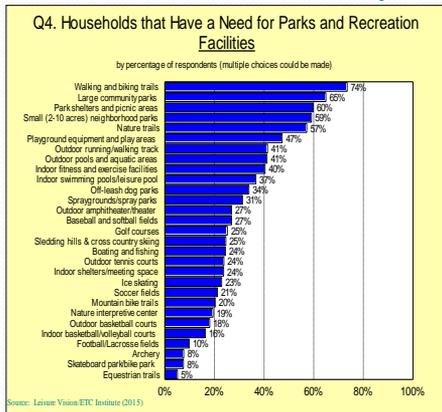


**Vision of City Residents for  
Parks, Trails, Open Space, and  
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Services**

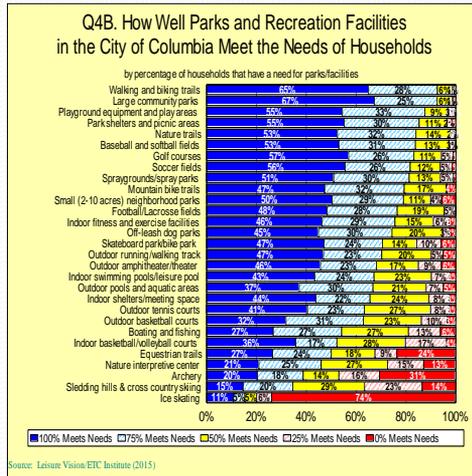
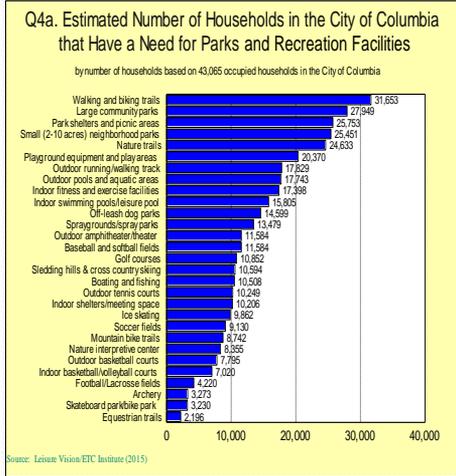
## Bottom Line Up Front

- Needs are high for a number of parks, trails, and facilities.
  - 74% for walking, biking and running
  - 65% for large community parks
  - 60% for park shelters and picnic areas
  - 59% for small neighborhood parks
  
- The most important facilities for respondents are walking and biking trails, small neighborhood parks, large community parks, and nature trails
  
- Acquire land for preservation and develop walking/hiking trails, fix-up and repair older park facilities, shelters, playgrounds, restrooms, and acquire land to continue to develop the trail loop around the City are highest priority projects respondents are willing to fund with the 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent sales tax

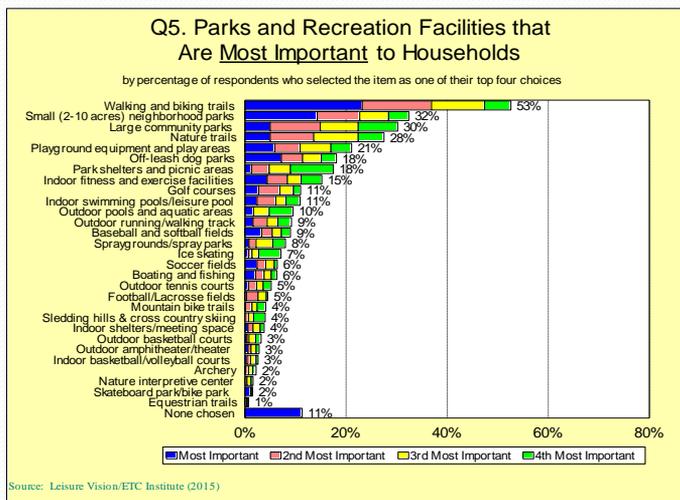
## Respondent Have a Need for a Wide Range of Trails, Nature Areas and Open Space Facilities



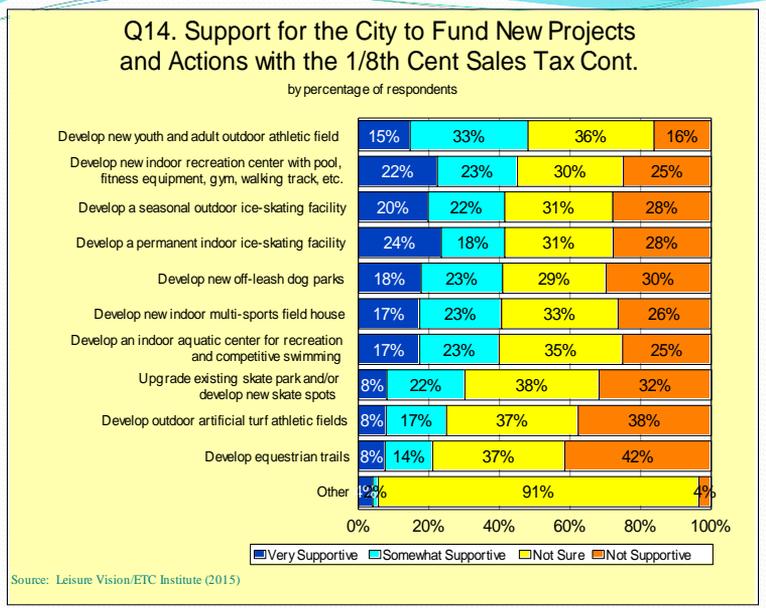
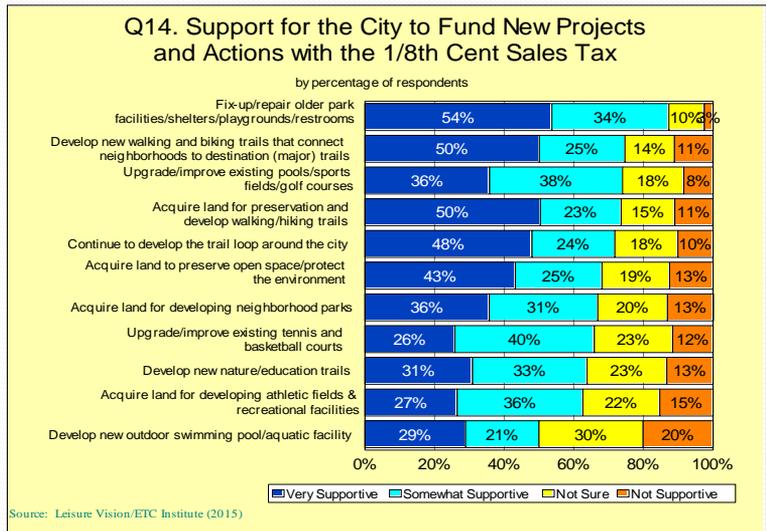
## How Well Needs are Being Met are Based Only On Households Who Indicated they Had a Need for a Specific Facility



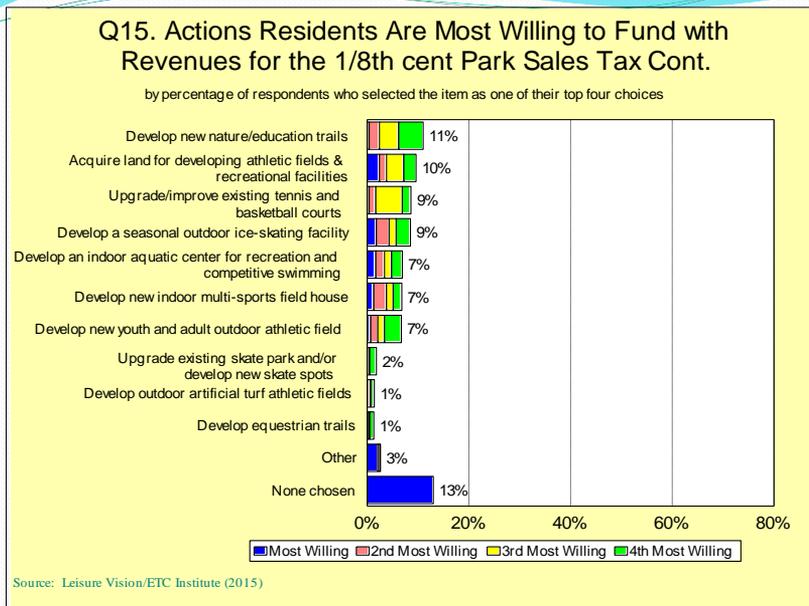
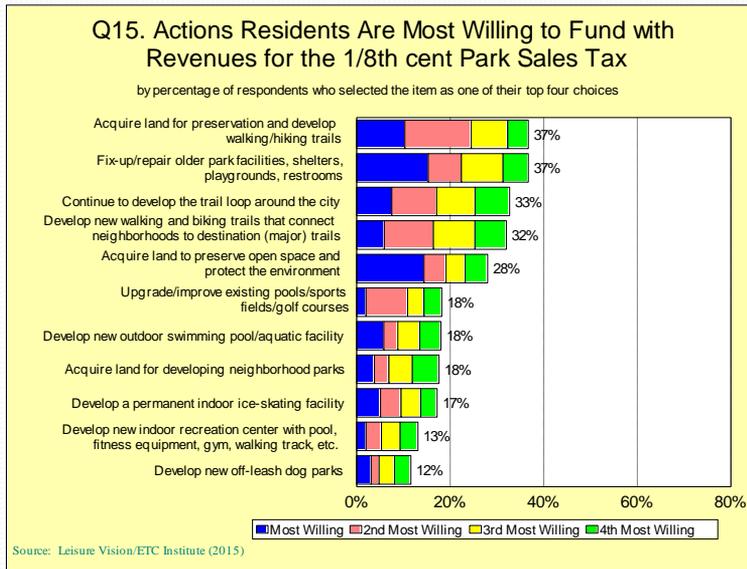
## Walking and Biking Trails are Most Important



## Most Supported Projects and Actions with the 1/8<sup>th</sup> Cent Sales Tax



## Highest Priority Projects Residents are Willing to Fund With the 1/8<sup>th</sup> Cent Sales Tax



# Support for Upcoming Sales Tax Options

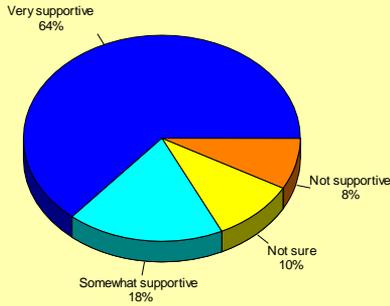
## Bottom Line Up Front

- ❑ **A very strong majority of respondents are very supportive of renewing the 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent sales tax for an additional 5 years.**
  - \$42 maintain condition of existing parks, trails, facilities
  - \$21 for trails (land acquisition, new/improved/connections)
  - \$21 for acquiring, protecting, preserving parks, green space/stream corridors
  
- ❑ **Over 70% of respondents are very or somewhat supportive of making the 1/8<sup>th</sup> cent sales tax a permanent source of funding for local parks.**
  
- ❑ **Of those not supportive or not sure 58% would like to see the sales tax up for approval every 5 years**

# By a Wide Margin Respondents Support Renewal of the 1/8<sup>th</sup> Sales Tax

Q16. Support for Renewal of the 1/8th Cent Park Sales Tax to Fund the Types of Projects Residents Indicated Are Most Important

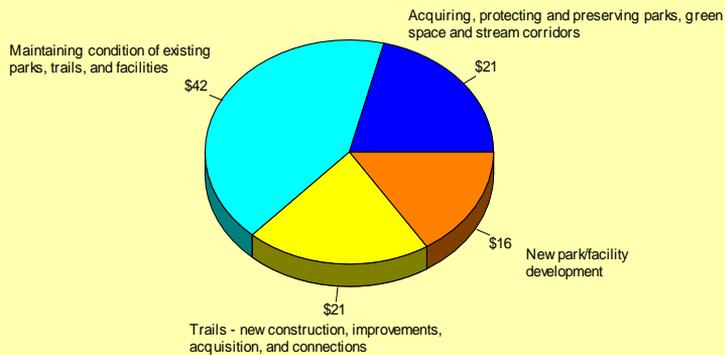
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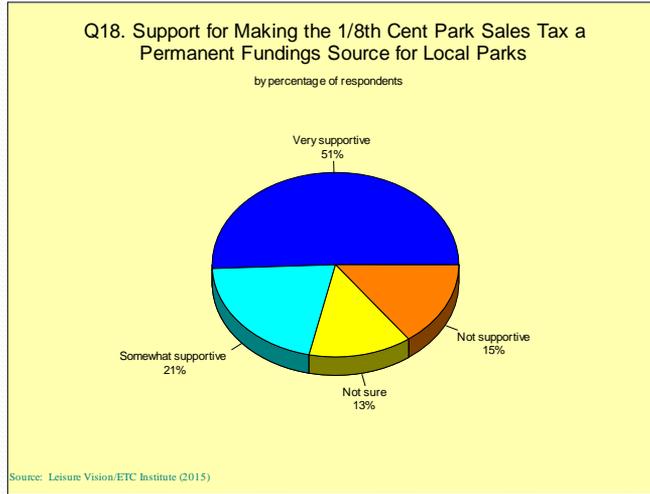
Q17. How Residents Would Allocate \$100 of the Park Sales Tax Dollars Spent

by percentage of respondents

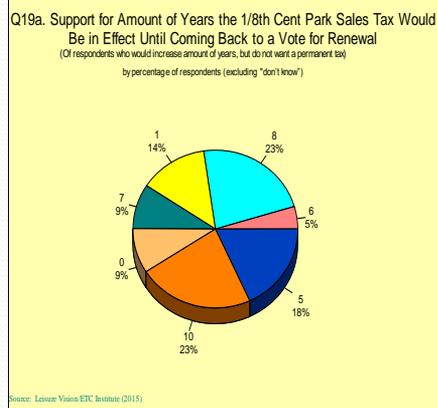
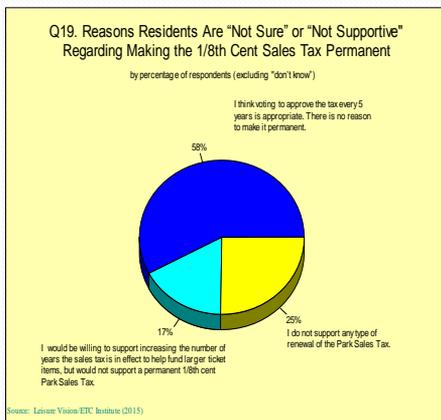


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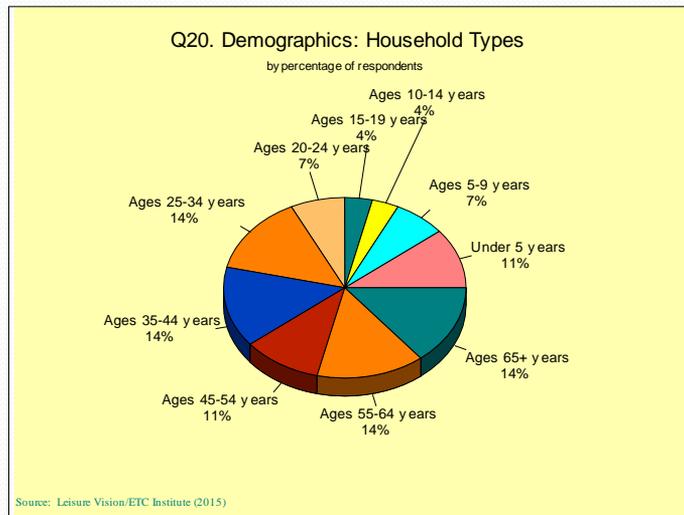
## Over 70% of Respondents Have Some Level of Support for Making the 1/8<sup>th</sup> Sales Tax a Permanent Funding Source for Local Parks



## Reasons that Approximately 30% of Respondents Are “Not Sure” or “Not Supportive”

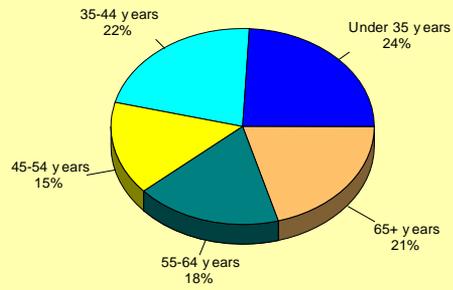


# Demographics



### Q21. Demographics: Age of Respondent

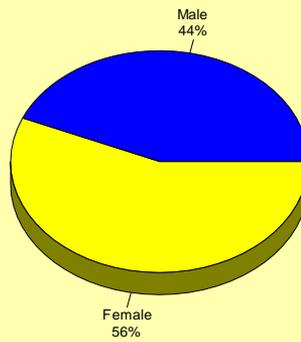
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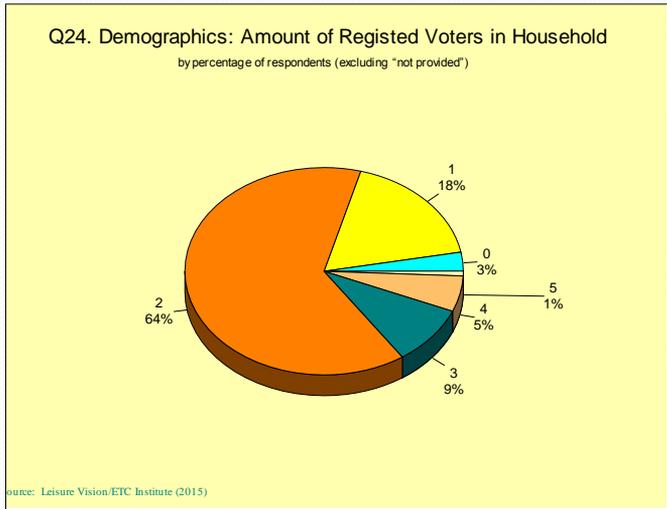
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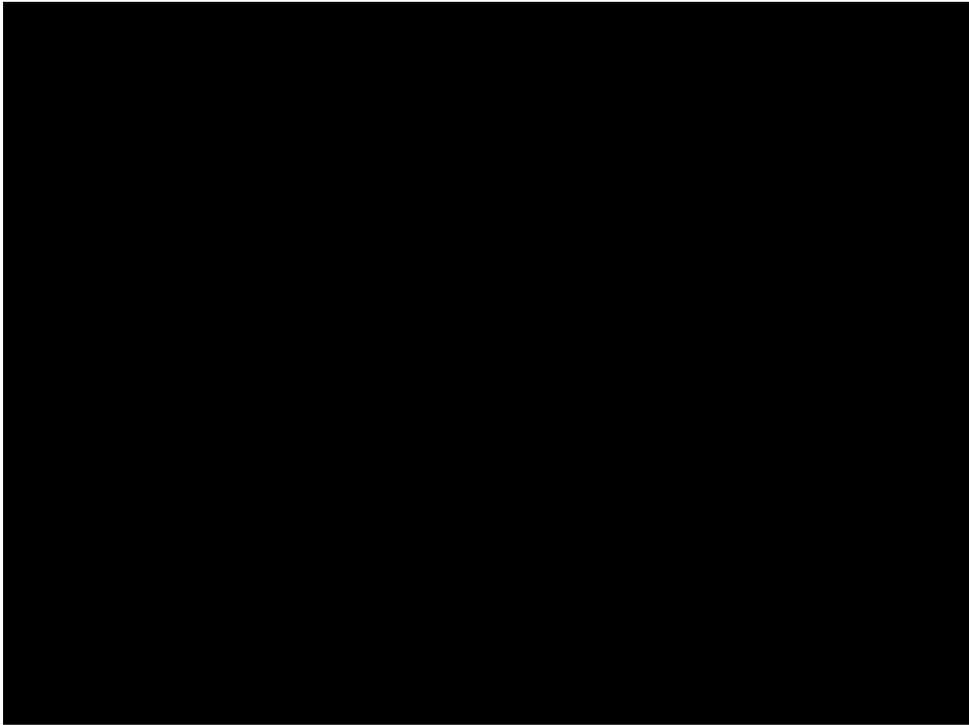


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# Questions?

**THANK YOU**



## 2013 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan

- Record number of citizen input
  - **1,539 completed citizen surveys**
  - **58 park user/partner meetings (325 citizens)**
- Visioning goals and strategies
- **Primary goal: identify needs of park system for the next 10 years**

